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US 3,745,090	Chappelle et al	07-10-1973
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Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

Also, the Examiner's attention is directed to the publications by Roche Diagnostics Corporation, cited in the attached Information Disclosure Statement. These

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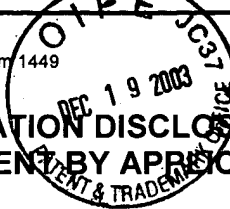
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